

Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 Expedited Procedure - Art Unit 2613

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Thomas E. SLOWE et al.

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Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.116

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Sir:

In reply to the final Office Action (Office Action) dated November 17, 2005, (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No. 11102005), Applicants submit the following response.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper.

However, if additional extensions of time are needed to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned for under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a). Any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims), and any other fee deficiency, are hereby authorized to be charged, or any overpayments credited, to our Deposit Account No. 22-0261.